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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: T. SHIMURA et al

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Further to the above-identified application, Applicant(s) respectfully request that the period for response to outstanding Office Action be extended for one month until August 13, 2000.

A check for the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

> Respectfully submitted, Bierman, Muserlian and Lucas

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